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Robert Steele
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Subject: Response to Reclamation Letter, Robert Steele, Hi-Cal, M0230071, Juab
County, Utah

Dear Mr. Steele:

On June 27, 2006 we received a letter from you stating you wanted to reclaim 4 acres and bond for 2 acres, and convert your permit back to a small mine.

The Division can not allow you to become a Small Mine until three years of successful vegetative growth has occurred on the reclaimed area. This requirement is part of our rules. Please see the following rules regarding changes to your large mine plan and pay special attention to part 3.

R647-4-118. Revisions.

1. In order to revise a notice of intention, an operator shall file a Notice of Intention to Revise Large Mining Operations (FORM MR-REV). This notice of intention will include all information concerning the revision that would have been required in the original notice of intention.
2. A Notice of Intention to Revise Large Mining Operations (FORM MR-REV) will be processed and considered for approval by the Division in the same manner as an original notice of intention. The operator will be authorized and bound by the requirements of the existing approved notice until the revision is acted upon and any revised surety requirements are satisfied. Those portions of the approved notice of intention not subject to the revision will not be subject to review under this provision.
3. Large mining operations which have a disturbed area of five (5) acres or less may refile as a small mining operation. **Reclaimed areas must meet full bond release requirements before they can be excluded from the disturbed acreage.**

The bond can not be reassessed based on regrading and seeding of any areas associated with the current disturbance, until we receive a completed Form MR-SITE. The Division then does an inspection to confirm your mine status. It would be appropriate for you to highlight your regraded and seeded areas on your disturbance map and describe how and when you seeded with what species of seed, including the valid seed tags.

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The reclamation work, including revegetation must be completed by April 1, 2007. The entire bond of \$28,000 or an application for site release must be submitted by April 15, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. White". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Susan M. White
Mining Program Coordinator
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: Form MR-SITE
cc: Jerry Mansfield, Fillmore BLM
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